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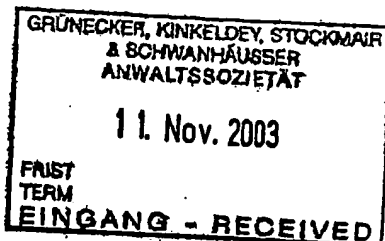
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Further to the opposition against the above referenced patent lodged on September 11, 2003, the Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. JP-A-6 232 901 (D7) and its English translation (D7a) are filed herewith as additional prior art documents.

These documents disclose an electronic mail apparatus in which a source address other than the electronic mail apparatus can be set when transmitting electronic mail (see paragraphs [0024] and [0027] of the English translation D7a of document D7, and figures 2 and 4 of D7). This feature of claim 1 of the opposed patent is thus also known from D7, rendering obvious the subject-matter of claim 1 when considering D7 in combination with D2 and/or D1.


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